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### **Bolinas Lagoon Roadway and Restoration Project is Underway**

**Marin County** – The California Department of Transportation, Caltrans, has begun a project that will not only repair 4,900 feet of rock slope protection and provide new paving along Highway 1 in Marin County, but will also help the Bolinas Lagoon Ecosystem. The \$3.5 million roadway and restoration project is located along a two mile stretch in the north and south bound lanes of Highway 1. This restoration project is the first to incorporate some of the recommended improvements within the Bolinas Lagoon Ecosystem Locally Preferred Plan.

“Caltrans is pleased that we have been given an opportunity to help restore and rehabilitate the Bolinas Lagoon Ecosystem back to its natural function and value along Highway 1. This is an example of how Caltrans is working to not only provide a safe and reliable transportation infrastructure for California, but how we are committed to being good stewards of our environment,” stated Caltrans District 4 Director Bijan Sartipi.

In addition to installing 4,900 feet of improved rock slope protection to guard against wind and water erosion along the roadway's edge, the project will also upgrade 14 drainage systems, many with deep drainage inlets to help catch sand and silt before it enters the Lagoon. Two miles of pavement will be replaced with a new paving surface that will increase its life. Weather permitting, Caltrans anticipates the roadway and restoration project will be completed by the end of 2011.

“After years of consideration, I'm thrilled that restoration of the Bolinas Lagoon is underway,” stated Vice President for the Marin County Board of Supervisors, Steve Kinsey. “While these Highway 1 improvements are just the beginning, they are an important first step along the path our community charted. I applaud all the public agency partners involved along with the community for helping to keep Bolinas Lagoon a resource protection priority.”

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